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SUBJECT: PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

REF: A. STATE 165394; B. STATE 155405

1. FOLLOWING DELIVERY OF SIMON'S LETTER (REF B),  
WE HAVE DISCUSSED US PROPOSAL WITH MID-LEVEL OFFICIALS  
IN THE AID AND FINANCE MINISTRIES AND IN THE FOREIGN  
OFFICE. THE INITIAL REACTIONS OF THESE OFFICIALS  
HAVE BEEN BOTH CAUTIOUS AND SOMEWHAT SKEPTICAL. THEY  
ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT DUPLICATION OF  
WORK NOW BEING DONE BY OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES  
SUCH AS DAC, AND ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT DEVELOPMENT  
COUNCIL WOULD GIVE RISE TO LDC EXPECTATIONS FAR  
BEYOND THOSE WHICH CAN BE MET, AND THUS BECOME A NEW  
AREA OF CONFRONTATION BETWEEN DONOR COUNTRIES AND  
LDCS. HOWEVER, THESE OFFICIALS STRESSED TO US THAT  
THEY ARE STILL STAFFING OUR PROPOSAL AND HAVE NOT YET  
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HAD GUIDANCE FROM POLICY LEVEL OFFICIALS.

2. TWO OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE DISCUSSED THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, PIESKE (FINANCE MINISTRY) AND OSTERHAUS (AID MINISTRY), PLAN TO ATTEND AUGUST 12-13 MEETING IN WASHINGTON OF C-20 WG ON RESOURCE TRANSFERS. THEY WISH AT THAT TIME TO EXPLORE FURTHER US MOTIVES UNDERLYING DC PROPOSAL, AND MAY AT THAT TIME BE PREPARED TO OFFER INITIAL FRG COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSAL. RECOMMEND THAT OFFICIALS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT OUR PROPOSAL TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE FRANK DISCUSSION WITH PIESKE AND OSTERHAUS.  
HILLENBRAND

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